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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 22, 2011**. Last week started with cool weather that warmed by the end of the week. Dry weather persists across most of the state, but there was some relief from scattered showers late Friday and early Saturday. The dry conditions have had an impact on the soil moisture content throughout the state. Soil moisture was rated 24 percent very short, 30 percent short, 42 adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending May 22, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	100	100	100	100
Corn, emerged	99	98	99	99
Cotton, planted	81	53	83	77
Cotton, emerged	53	22	64	59
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	75	55	80	74
Peanuts, planted	80	70	39	60
Rice, planted	94	85	97	93
Rice, emerged	84	77	85	86
Sorghum, planted	69	59	86	84
Sorghum, emerged	55	49	79	73
Soybeans, planted	80	61	89	88
Soybeans, emerged	63	42	78	80
Sweet Potatoes, planted	2	--	2	4
Watermelons, planted	92	90	98	97
Winter Wheat, heading	100	100	100	100
Winter Wheat, mature	66	28	32	41
Winter Wheat, harvested	10	--	0	2

Crop condition for week ending May 22, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	0	12	79	9
Corn	6	5	19	46	24
Livestock	1	9	24	48	18
Pasture	3	16	29	43	9
Rice	0	2	24	56	18
Sorghum	0	2	18	73	7
Soybeans	0	2	21	68	9
Watermelons	0	2	8	80	10
Winter Wheat	1	9	19	49	22

Comments

“Most planting activities are now over. Growers have turned their attention to herbicide application work, some insecticide application work, nitrogen application work and lots of irrigation activity.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“We are very far behind on plantings this year. Scattered rains have delayed some plantings yet again.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Washington County needs a good general rain for the crops. The ground is very dry.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“We are very dry. Farmers are using irrigation equipment to try and get peanuts and cotton up to a stand. Pastures are getting short on some farms. Dry weather has allowed for ryegrass hay to be put up without getting wet.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“All crops look better after the warm weather later in the week. Cold nights and days did not allow much growth earlier in the week. The pressure has been heavy in cotton.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Warmer weather has gotten gardens and pastures growing finally, but the dry conditions are shutting growth back down. There is a chance of rain toward the middle/end of the week.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“A couple of small showers this weekend, but we are still pretty dry. We have beans, rice, and cotton going into the ground. Much of the early rice has established good stands and is being flooded. Cool temperatures may have set back some of the emerged cotton, but will likely catch back up with warm temperatures in the forecast. Wheat harvest will probably start this week.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Cool weather had the crops yellowing and struggling to survive, but last week brought higher temperatures which is promoting a positive response to growth in almost all of the crops. Fertilizer applications are going out on corn and completion of cotton planting is just about over.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Cotton is slow to come up. Many fields are taking 7-9 days for good emergence.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Most producers completed cotton planting. A little replanting will be done. Cool night time temperatures slowing crop growth, need warm nights and days.”

— Pamela Redwine, Yalobusha

“Dry weather has allowed fieldwork to get back on schedule.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 22, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	86	43	66	72	-6	0.05	-1.12	1	7.49
Cleveland	89	46	69	73	-4	0.43	-0.83	1	2.20
Lambert 1W	87	43	66			0.35	-0.98	1	5.91
Extreme/Average	89	43	67	72	-5	0.28	-0.95	1	5.20
North-Central									
Calhoun City	83	41	59	70	-11	0.00	-1.20	0	5.33
Hickory Flat	87	38	61	69	-8	0.03	-1.23	1	9.79
Holly Springs	87	35	62	68	-6	0.00	-1.26	0	11.86
Independence	84	40	62	69	-7	0.48	-0.78	3	13.33
Oxford	87	39	66	69	-3	0.06	-1.24	3	9.48
Extreme/Average	87	35	62	70	-8	0.11	-1.15	1	9.96
Northeast									
Booneville	87	43	62	69	-7	0.02	-1.43	1	8.78
Corinth 7SW	90	43	63	71	-8	0.08	-1.24	1	12.16
Pontotoc Exp	81	43	58	70	-12	0.00	-1.19	0	6.75
Tupelo 2	88	45	65			0.00		0	6.85
Verona	90	44	64	71	-7	0.00	-1.05	0	6.22
Extreme/Average	90	43	62	70	-8	0.02	-1.31	0	8.15
Lower Delta									
Belzoni		45		73		0.00	-1.42	0	2.30
Greenville	87	48	68	73	-5	0.41	-0.78	1	1.97
Moorhead	86	46	69	73	-4	0.43	-0.75	1	2.93
Yazoo City	90	47	67	73	-6	0.17	-1.08	1	1.92
Extreme/Average	90	45	68	73	-5	0.25	-1.01	1	2.28
Central									
Eupora 2E		43		70		0.00	-1.18	0	2.18
Forest 3S	89	39	66	72	-6	0.00	-1.05	0	3.77
Winona	86	39	63	68	-5	0.07	-1.05	1	3.77
Extreme/Average	89	39	64	71	-7	0.02	-1.14	0	3.77
East-Central									
Aberdeen	89	42	65	70	-5	0.00	-1.23	0	3.52
Columbus	92	41	67	72	-5	0.00	-0.91	0	3.23
Macon	89	42	65	71	-6	0.00	-0.98	0	4.09
State University	92	46	65	71	-6	0.00	-1.08	0	2.36
Extreme/Average	92	41	66	71	-5	0.00	-1.14	0	3.30
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	88	41	66	72	-6	0.00	-1.21	0	1.33
Crystal Springs	90	44	68	73	-5	0.02	-1.03	1	1.92
Natchez	91	41	68	74	-6	0.30	-0.92	1	2.60
Vicksburg City	90	49	70			1.01		2	2.95
Woodville 4ESE	82	44	64	74	-10	0.00	-1.32	0	1.27
Extreme/Average	91	41	67	73	-6	0.27	-0.93	1	2.01
South-Central									
Collins	96	44	66	72	-6	0.00	-1.32	0	1.10
Columbia	93	47	69	74	-5	0.00	-1.26	0	0.58
Monticello	90	42	63	73	-10	0.00	-1.36	0	1.07
Raleigh 6N	90	38	64			0.00		0	2.90
Extreme/Average	96	38	65	73	-8	0.00	-1.26	0	1.41
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	86	47	64	74	-10	0.00	-1.19	0	1.33
Laurel	90	44	67	72	-5	0.00	-1.19	0	1.02
Waynesboro 2W	91	42	65	72	-7	0.00	-1.16	0	1.64
Extreme/Average	91	42	65	73	-8	0.00	-1.10	0	1.33
State	96	35	65	72	-7	0.10	-1.10	0	3.88

DFN = Departure from Normal.